

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In re Application of: Heinrich Lang et al.

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Sir:

The attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the Examiner's consideration in accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure.

Although the documents provided in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are submitted for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants do not admit of their relevance as prior art to the present application under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 nor of their pertinence in other respects.

The attached European Search Report of 29 April 2002 lists seven (7) references including DE 198 40 004 A1, which was submitted by the Applicants in an Information

Disclosure Statement filed 17 May 2001. Regarding EP 0 659 609 A1, its equivalent is U.S. Patent 5,604,644, also previously submitted by the Applicants on 17 May 2001.

Regarding DE 40 04 538 A1 cited in the European Search Report, an English-language translation is not in the Applicants' possession, custody, control, nor readily available to Applicants. If the Examiner feels such a translation would be useful, Applicants will attempt to obtain an English-language translation or locate an English-language equivalent if available.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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